awkward position. The year 1111 is expected to bring in a revenue of Rs. 1·87 lakhs while the expenditure is expected to be Rs. 2·05 lakhs. The result is a deficit of Rs. ·18 lakh—almost the same as in the current year. There is very slight improvement in revenue mainly due to the allocation of revenue from Duty on Matches. The expenditure is reduced to the minimum and cannot stand any further reduction. The situation is indeed causing great anxiety to the Government and they are considering once again how the finances of this Principality can be placed on a more stable footing.

Before I close my speech let me, Sir, thank you and the Honourable Members for the patience with which you all have heard me through.

## Supplementary Grants.

**Mr. President.**—I should like to make an observation regarding the scope of supplementary grants.

I find on the order paper various cut motions. Take for instance, the very first cut motion—to impress upon the Government certain facts. And secondly, there is a motion to ascertain from the Government some information regarding the purchase of Rails, etc. If that were all the object of the Hon'ble Members, it is not necessary to put down the cut motion at all. After a supplementary demand is moved, it is open to any Hon'ble Member to get up and make his own observations on points arising out of a supplementary demand. Therefore, for the purpose of merely asking information from Government, Hon'ble Members need not take the trouble of tabling cut motions.

I wish to make another observation which I have to make in view of item 6 which stands in the name of Mr. Ibrahim who wants to discuss certain irregularities in the recent elections to the Legislative Council. A motion of that nature is entirely out of order on a supplementary demand.

I wish to read out to Hon'ble Members an important ruling that was given on the scope of supplementary demand in the Legislative Assembly.

> "A token cut was proposed under a Supplementary Grant and objection being raised on the ground that general questions of policy could not be raised on a supplementary demand:
>
> The President ruled "In view of a large number of cuts that have been put down on these Supplementary Grants, I have taken some trouble to examine the question and I invite the attention of the House to a summary of the position as stated in May's "Parliamentary Practice", page 536, which I will read to the House:

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'Debate on supplementary and excess grants is restricted to the particulars contained in the estimates on which those grants are sought and to the application of the items which compose those grants; and the debate cannot touch the policy or the expenditure sanctioned, on other heads, by the estimate on which the original grant was obtained, except so far as such policy or expenditure is brought before the Committee by the items contained in the supplementary or excess estimates'.

This is the practice of the House of Commons, and it has been followed by my predecessors on more occasions than one..... I now rule that no questions of policy can be raised on Supplementary Demands for Grants except to the extent indicated in the summary I have read".

That must give to the Hon'ble Members a very clear idea of the scope of the discussion involved in the Demands for Supplementary Grants. They can discuss the financial aspect of the grant, and they can also discuss any question of policy arising purely out of the sub-head under which the grant is moved. They cannot avail themselves of this opportunity to raise questions of policy which are covered under wider grants. Hon'ble Members need not have any complaint on this score, because they will have to-morrow opportunities to discuss these questions, when the budget is taken up. I hope, therefore, Hon'ble Members will keep these remarks in view when they speak on the motions for Supplementary Demands.

## Rs. 568 under 7—Excise—B—Matches—Establishment.

**Mr. M. P. Cherian**:— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 568 under 7—Excise—B—Matches—Establishment. For the reasons stated in the note for the Standing Finance Committee, I request the House to kindly grant the allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

## Rs. 361-14-0 under 10—Forests—B. 2—Government contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund.

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 361-14-0 under 10—Forests—B. 2—Government Contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund. For reasons stated in the note for the Standing Finance Committee, I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

*Grant put and carried.*

## Rs. 81,600 under 11—Tramway—Capital—A. 7 (b)—Rails.

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 81,600 under 11—Tramway—Capital A. 7 (b)

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—Rails. The reasons are given in the note to the Standing Finance Committee.

## Motion No. 1.

**Mr. A. V. Mootheian:**—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 81,600 for 11—Tramway—Capital—A. 7 (b)—Rails by Re. 1. (To impress upon the Government that the provisions of Rule 53 should be taken advantage of only in special cases where with reasonable foresight the service could not have been anticipated at the time of the Budget).*

**Mr. President:**— It is not necessary for that purpose to move a token cut. The Hon'ble Member will make his observations.

**Mr. A. V. Mootheian:**—Mr. President, Sir, My object is to impress upon the Government that the provisions of Rule 53 should be taken advantage of only in special cases where with reasonable foresight the service could not have been anticipated at the time of the budget Otherwise the budget equilibrium will be disturbed. In this particular case, provision is asked for purchasing second-hand rails released from the Shorannur-Cochin Railway for the purpose of renewing 42 miles of Tramway Line. My submission is that this is an expenditure which could have been foreseen at the time of the last budget. From the note given to the Standing Finance Committee, it is clear that the Government had realised long before that fractures on the Tramway Line were frequent and the line should be repaired without delay. Again, the conversion scheme of the Cochin-Shorannur Line was begun in 1930 or so and ever since these second hand rails were idly heaped together at several Railway Stations. Any person of average business ability would have immediately taken advantage of these two circumstances instead of waiting till 10th July 1935 for a supplementary grant. From these two circumstances, namely (1) our Tramway being in a helpless condition and (2) second-hand Rails being available at a favourable rate, the Government ought to have foreseen and made provision for this expenditure in the last budget. Such big schemes costing over 81,000 rupees will seriously affect the budget equilibrium.

Besides, I understand the decision in the matter has already been taken and work begun. Last week when I went to Chalakkudi, I saw workmen busily removing the old rails of the Tramway. If that is so, why on earth should the Government now bring this matter before the House as a *fait accompli*. If the decision is already taken and work begun, my question is why supplementary provision is asked for now. I say this is an affront to the elected

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representatives of this House. The Government should not think that this House is a mock-show. I may recall the memorable words uttered by His Gracious Highness in inaugurating this Council on the 21st Meenam 1100:

"As I have repeatedly announced on previous occasions it has been my earnest desire to associate my people in an increasing measure with the Government of the State.....It is my fervent hope that the representatives of my people and the officers of my Government will work in complete unison with mutual trust, sympathy and co-operation."

Again, from the message sent to us this morning by the Gracious Maharaja (may He live long) and from your assurance to associate the people's representatives more closely with the Government it is clear that the Council is not a mock-show. That being so asking for supplementary provisions when the work is already begun is an affront to the elected Members of this House. Only these points I wanted to bring to your notice, Sir.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**:—On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that the work has already been taken up as observed by the Hon'ble Member?

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:—The work has not been taken up, except that the rails required have been kept apart for the purpose at Chalakudy.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**:—What was the objection in including this amount in the Budget?

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:—I am afraid that the Hon'ble Members who have criticised the procedure involved in this motion are labouring under a misapprehension. At the time of the preparation of the Budget last year there was no possibility of foreseeing this expenditure because the question of purchasing the rails could be decided only after they became available for inspection as to their suitability for our purpose in Vrichigom of the current year, after the Railway Conversion work was over. After the rails were released, they were duly inspected and those found suitable decided to be taken for the renewal of the Tramline. It was only after these enquiries that the terms of purchase amount could be fixed. So I submit that there was absolutely no possibility of anticipating this expenditure at the time of the prepartaion of the budget last year and there was no violation of the spirit or letter of the rule quoted.

*Motion was considered withdrawn.*

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 1,354 under 11—Tramway—Capital—A. 7 (b)—Girders.**

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,354 under 11—Tramway—A. 7(b)—Girders.

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For the reasons given in the note for the standing Finance Committee, I request the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

## Motion No. 2.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,354 under 11—Tramway—Capital—A. 7(b)—Girders by Re. 1. (To ascertain from the Government the reasons for keeping the old Railway materials at Cheruthuruthy and other matters connected with their disposal).*

Sir, just very near the old Railway Station at Cheruthurthy, we find almost all the old materials of the old Railway stocked without any protection from the sun or the rain. It is safely kept out of the sight of main line. So, those who pass that way by the train will not be able to see them. Those who go by car or other conveyances to Shorannur will be able to see huge masses of iron materials kept exposed to the sun without anybody to look after them. The sight of it used to remind me of some war pictures. Most of these waggons and carriages are placed on the ground, not even on rails. They are not safely kept; they are not painted. There is absolutely nobody to look after them. They look like no man's property.

**Mr. President**:—We are not discussing the question of the Railway Department doing anything wrong. We are only discussing the question of the Tramway Department.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— My motion is to ascertain from the Government the reasons for keeping the old Railway materials at Cheruthuruthy and other matters connected with their disposal. They have become the state property.

**Mr. President**:—I am not ruling out that motion on the ground that it touches upon the Railway. We are discussing the question of purchase of girders for Tramways, and the Hon'ble Members can speak on that point, not on the Railway or on the taking care of the rails and so on.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— In that case I will put it in a different form. I ask the Government which is the authority that values and purchases these articles? What is the standard adopted in fixing their value. Is it the value put by our own Government or is it the value offered by the public if there has been any offer from the public to purchase these articles. I think the Government will not stand on technical grounds and hope that in the course of their reply they would tell us, whether it technically belongs to the Railway or the State, and what they propose to do with the old Railway materials now collected at Cheruthuruthy.

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**Mr. P. Raman Menon**:—Sir, the point is whether the Tramway authorities should go in for this purchase. Once it is conceded that the Tramways stand in need of urgent repairs, the question is whether we should go in for these old materials or whether we shoud go in for new materials. The Hon'ble Member who moved the cut motion had only in view that it may not be proper on the part of the Government to go in for second hand things which are exposed to sun and rain.-I also think that it is better to see whether it is not possible to purchase new materials at cheaper rates. We could get things at cheaper rates than in olden times. So it is advisable that we do not go in for these second-hand things when new materials are available at cheaper rates. That is what the cut motion means. Therefore tenders may be called for and proper purchases made.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni**:— On a point of information, will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House what will be the rate on which the new materials can be got and what will be the price of the old materials that the Government is going to purchase. What will be the difference and how old are the railway girders that we are now going to purchase ?

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**:— Are there any estimates prepared and if so by whom ?

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan**:— Sir, I am also interested in the matter.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar**:— May I take it that this is only a transfer entry. Will actual cash have to be paid? Therefore I think that the State only stands to gain by taking over these materials and using it in the Tramway.

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon**:—Sir, information has been asked about the original cost as compared with the prices now fixed for the railway materials that are proposed to be purchased. From a communication received from the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company it is seen that these rails which are of 42½ lbs., originally cost 143·96 Rupees per ton, which works out to about 9,500 rupees per mile. Accordingly, for 42 miles the original cost would have been Rs. 3·94 lakhs. The present depreciated value according to the Railway Boards formula, fixing the life of these rails at 60 years, is Rs. 76·78 per ton, or about 5,000 rupees per mile, and for 42 miles, about Rs. 2·10 lakhs. The rate at which it is proposed to purchase the rails is Rs. 1,500 per mile or Rs. 63,000 for 42 miles. The Hon'ble Members can readily see the vast difference between the original and the present depreciated value, as well as the actual cost that we now propose to pay.

Another member wanted to know who the authority for fixing prices for these materials is. Government is the final authority.

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The Railway authority gave us the data and the Government fixed the value on the recommendation of the Tramway Engineer, made as a result of his inspection of the materials.

Another question is whether all the girders are checked and estimates prepared. Not only the girders but every article that is proposed to be taken is duly inspected by the Tramway Engineer and it is only what is approved by him that will be accepted. Formal estimates are also prepared and submitted for Government sanction. I hope I have met all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members.

**Mr. T. S. Balamma Ayyar:**— My question has not been answered.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran:**— It will be a transfer entry. It will be paid to the accounts of the Shorannur-Cochin Railway Conversion and since we are financing the conversion this will be a receipt on the other side.

*Motion was considered withdrawn.*

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 1,500 under 11—Tramway—Capital—A. 8 (d)—Machinery.**

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs.1,500 under 11 Tramway—Capital—A. 8 (d)—Machinery. The necessity for the grant has been explained in the note of the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 2,356 under 11—Tramway—B. 2 (c)—Fuel.**

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,356 under 11—Tramway—B. 2(c)—Fuel—the necessity for which is explained in the note to the Standing Finance Committee circulated in the House. I request the House to sanction the allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 2,172 under 15 – Accounts and Finance—Printed Forms.**

**Rama Varmha Tampuran:**— Sir, I beg to move for an

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additional allotment of Rs. 2,172 under 15—Accounts and Finance—Printed Forms. This is to pay the cost of certain of the printed forms that were purchased this year from the Government Press. Certain expenses on the same account have to be met from the allotment for paying dues of last year also, and therefore the present allotment is necessitated. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 2,000 under 19—3—Secondary Boys—Salary and Ordinary Grants.**

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—Mr. President, Sir, the explanatory note to the Standing Finance Committee will show the need for which I have been constrained to move this allotment. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to sanction this additional allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 4,700 under 19—8—Miscellaneous—Public Examination Charges.**

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—Mr. President, Sir, this expenditure could not be anticipated in framing the budget of the current year as certain unforeseen circumstances supervening the reintroduction of the Pundit's Examination has entailed expenditure for the purpose. There is a claim of last year of Rs. 1,500 and the remainder is required for expenditure this year, and the two together come to Rs. 4,700. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

*Grant put and carried.*

**Rs. 9,240 under 32—Uplift of the Depressed Classes.**

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 9,240 under 32—Uplift of the Depressed Classes. The details of the expenditure have been explained in the note to the Standing Finance Committee circulated among the Members. I request the House to sanction the allotment.

**Motion No. 3.**

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— *To reduce the allotment of*

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*Rs. 9,250 for Uplift of the Depressed Classes by Re. 1. (The unsatisfactory way in which the fund for the Pulaya feeding etc. is spent by the Department).*

Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government in this connection certain grievances the depressed classes pupils, for whose benefit these funds are being spent, are labouring under. I shall categorically state them one by one. There are many cases where they do not get stipends in time. Some students who are entitled to get stipends in the last academic year have not received them yet. The next grievance is about the text books. In the first place all the books that are prescribed by the Board are not supplied by the Department to the Depressed Class pupils. I do not know under what authority the Protector of the Depressed Classes makes the selection. Anyway he does not supply all the books that are prescribed or which a student is expected to possess. The books that are to be supplied are not given in time They are generally supplied very late. I know of many schools where the books have not yet been supplied till now. We used to hear various complaints from the papers of the delay in supplying books to the various schools. Next as regards feeding and clothing, they are not also reaching the persons regularly and I am sure in most cases not the full amounts that are intended to be given to them. In many cases it sticks in the hands through which it passes. The agency used for suppling these materials could be worked in a better way. I know there are the cases of ordinary pencils which you get for 6 pies, if ordered in a lump by the Government or if given on contract can be got for 3 pies. The pencils I am told are supplied to these boys at 6 pies, the price for which these are available in the petty shops. If, as a matter of fact, these are let out on contract and distributed to the boys through a central agency, I think the Government can effect great savings. At the same time there is also guarantee that the articles are given to the boys or girls concerned as the case may be. I think it is not the first time that this House hears of complaints like this. I think the Hon'ble Member for the Depressed Classes has many a time brought this grievance before the House in the last Council. But even now I understand that the grievances exist. I therefore request the Government will take immediate steps to enquire into this matter and see that matters are set right forthwith.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി:—സർ, ഡിപ്രസ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ്സിൽനിന്നു് സാധുകൾക്കു വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവരുന്ന അത്യാവശ്യം വേണ്ട പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ, സ്ലേറുകൾ മുതലായവയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഈ സഭയിൽ അനേകപ്രാവശ്യം ഇടങ്ങിയിട്ടു് വളരെ കാലമായി എന്നു കാണുവാൻ കഴിയുന്നുണ്ടു്. എന്താണു് ഇങ്ങിനെ എപ്പോഴും അനേകപ്രാവശ്യം ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു്

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അതായതു സമയം ഗവണ്മെന്റോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ചുമതലപ്പെട്ടവരോ അനേഷിച്ചിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഒരു ആക്ഷേപത്തിന്നു് കാരണം വരിക ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു എന്നാണു ഞങ്ങൾ വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്. പുസ്തകം, സ്ലേറ്റ്, പെൻസിൽ മുതലായ സാധനങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ ഡിപ്രസ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ്സു് വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നു് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു കൊടുത്തു വരുന്നതായിട്ടാണു ഞങ്ങൾ അറിയുന്നതു്. അതിന്റെ ആവശ്യം എന്താണെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. പരമാർത്ഥത്തിൽ ഇതിന്റെ ആവശ്യം ഗവണ്മെന്റു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ ഇതു് ഡയറക്ടർവഴി ശരിക്കു കൊടുപ്പിക്കുവാനും സമയത്തിന്നു് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു കിട്ടുവാനും കഴിയുമായിരുന്നു. ഓരോ കൊല്ലത്തിലും ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു് ഒരു തുക ബഡ്ജറിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചു് ഈ കൌൺസിലിനെക്കൊണ്ടു് അനുവദിപ്പിച്ചു പോകുന്നതായി കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെ കൊള്ളിക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യകൾ ഡയറക്ടർ വഴിയായി വിതരണം ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവർക്കു് അതു ശരിയായ സമയത്തിന്നു കിട്ടുകയും അവരുടെ ആവശ്യം നടക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. അതുകൊണ്ടു് മേലാൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസംബന്ധമായ ചിലവുകൾ ഡയറക്ടർ വഴിയായി ചെയ്യുന്നതു് ഏറ്റവും പ്രയോജനകരമായിരിക്കുമെന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. ഈ സംഗതി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

**Mr E. P. Bhaskara Menon**:—Sir, I have one legitimate doubt, and that is, are the authorities prepared to give the amount that they are now expected to devote towards the purchase of books, clothes, food, etc., to their students in their own hands? As the Hon. Member for Ooragam said, a pencil costing six pies is given to the boy and six pies is charged from the Government revenue for it. Instances of that kind may be cited in any number. The question is whether the authorites are prepared to give this six pies in the hands of the boys? If the book costs two annas and the clothes six annas, are the authorities prepared to give it in a lump to the boys and see that they go to the school. I only want to know whether the Government is prepared to accept this proposal.

**Mr. President**:—The Hon: Member may finish his observations if he has any.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം:—സർ, എന്റെ മാന്യസ്നേഹിതൻ അധികൃതപ്രതിനിധി മിസ്റ്റർ വള്ളോൻ ഇവിടെ ഉള്ളപ്പോൾ, എല്ലാ സമയവും ഞങ്ങളുടെ ചെവികളിൽ മുഴങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന ഒരു പ്രമേയമാണു് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. എന്താണ്ടു് കൊച്ചിനിയമസഭയുടെ ഒരു റക്കറിംഗ് ഡെസിമൽ (ചിരി) എന്നുപറയപ്പെടാവുന്ന ഒരു സംഗതി ഇത്ര വളരെ പ്രാവശ്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടുത്തിയിട്ടും ഇ

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തിനു് ഒരു അവതി വരുത്തുവാൻ സാധിക്കാത്തതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണെന്നാണു ഞാൻ അത്ഭുതപ്പെടുന്നതു്. നാലഞ്ചു കൊല്ലമായി ഈ നിയമസഭയുടെ ബഡ്ജറ്റു് യോഗങ്ങളിലും ലജിസ്ലേറ്റീവു് യോഗങ്ങളിലും ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ വഴിയായും ഉപക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ വഴിയായും മറ്റു പല പ്രകാരേണയും ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ഭരണത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് വളരെ ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്കു് ഒരു വലിയ സംഖ്യ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചും കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇവിടത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുകയും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ അനുവദിയ്ക്കുന്ന തുകയും തമ്മിൽ താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തിനോക്കിയാൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനേക്കാൾ ഇവിടെ കൂടുതൽ ചിലവുചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പ്രശംസിക്കാവുന്ന ഒരു വലിയ തുക ഇവിടെ കൊള്ളിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. പക്ഷെ, അതിന്റെ അടിയിൽ മുഴുഞ്ഞുനോക്കിയാലല്ലാതെ പരമാർത്ഥം അറിയുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ഇവിടത്തെ സംഖ്യ വലുതാണെങ്കിലും അനുഭവം വളരെ ചുരുക്കമാണെന്നു കാണാം. ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു് പുലയരാടിയായ പിന്നോക്കം നില്ക്കുന്ന ആളുകളുടെ സംരക്ഷണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഒരു തസ്തിക വച്ചിട്ടു് അതിൽ അധികൃതരിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ അവരുടെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ നോക്കുവാൻ കഴിവുള്ള ഒരാളെ വയ്ക്കുവാൻപാടില്ലേ എന്നാണു്—അധികൃതസംരക്ഷകനെ എടുത്തു് ദൂരെ കളയണം എന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല—അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് പല ജോലികളും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും; വളരെസുഖമായി വിഷമങ്ങളറിയാതെ ജീവിച്ചുവരുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു് താഴ്ന്ന ആളുകളുടെ ഇടയിൽപോയി അവരുടെ സ്ഥിതികൾ മുഴുവൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ ചിലപ്പോൾ സാധിക്കാതെ വരും. അതു് അവരുടെ മനഃപൂർവ്വമല്ല, സ്വാഭാവികദോഷമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അധികൃതരുടെ വിഷമതകളെ പരിഹരിക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി, അവരുടെ വിഷമതകളെക്കുറിച്ചു ശരിയായിമനസ്സിലാക്കീട്ടുള്ള—അവരുടെയിടയിൽ ജീവിച്ചു് അവരുടെ ചുറ്റുപാടുകളിലെ ന്യൂനതകൾക്കു് പരിഹാരങ്ങൾ ചിന്തിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള—ഒരു അധികൃതൻഉണ്ടാകയില്ലേ എന്നാണു ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്. അധികൃതരുടെ വിഷമങ്ങളെ പരിഹരിക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഒരു അധികൃതനെ—ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സംരക്ഷകനെ തള്ളണം എന്നല്ല—ഇൻസ്പക്ടർ എന്ന നിലയിലോ മറ്റോ ഒരു തസ്തികവച്ചു നിയമിച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. ഈ തരത്തിൽ ഇതിലേക്കു പ്രത്യേകം ഒരന്വേഷണം ആവശ്യമെന്നു തോന്നുന്ന പക്ഷം അങ്ങിനെ കൂടി നടത്തിമേലാൽ ഈ സംഗതിയിയമസഭയിൽ വരാതെ കഴിക്കുവാൻ നോക്കണമെന്നു മാത്രമേ ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നുള്ളു.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutti**:—Sir, I take it that the help which the Government is pleased to award to the depressed classes is

being done through the agency of certain contractors in the distribution of slates, books and feeding which is more or less an alm to the depressed classes. I beg to submit that this object can be achieved in a better fashion, namely, by institution of annual stipends to each Pulaya student. This idea will take away all these allegations against depressed class institutions. Ever since the protection of depressed classes was begun by the State, this complaint also took root. To eradicate this evil, I beg to submit that the institution of the stipend or scholarship of an annual value which may be fixed arbitrarily will suffice to settle this mattar. It may be that a student may get a little less or a depressed class student might earn something. We are not concerned with that. It is better that the depressed class student earns a little than a contractor earns a pittance out of the alms that we are giving to the depressed class student. This idea will take away the complaint that stick certain things in the hands through which it flows. That absorption will not prevail in future. I am not for refusing a grant under the depressed classes head.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:** Sir, while sympathising with the remarks made by the Hon. Members, I should like to observe that if we make it a point to distribute money, the object of the grant itself may be frustrated, because, it is intended for the education of the students who are in the backward classes, and of course, these students cannot themselves go to the office and take the money and utilise it for themselves. They will have to depend upon their parents or guardians for the purpose of taking and utilising it. Poor as they are, it is impossible to believe that the money will be utilised for that purpose. Many of them are really starving. Therefore, if the idea is to educate the poor students, better methods will have to be adopted to remedy the present defects in distribution, if any. Giving the money into the hands of the parents or students cannot be allowed.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ:—സർ, അധികൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഗവ ൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതായ സഹായങ്ങൾ അവർക്ക് ശരിയായി കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്നുള്ള പരാതി ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ വളരെക്കാലമായി അധികൃതന്മാർ ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടും വീണ്ടും ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു ആക്ഷേപം വരുവാനുണ്ടായ പ്രധാന കാരണം, ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്ന് ആ ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളെ അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾതന്നെ കൈക്കൊള്ളാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണെന്നാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്. ഈ ഒരു വകുപ്പിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് എന്തെല്ലാം ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളാണ് ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽ ആറേഴ് കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥസാമാജികന്മാർ ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ധരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത് എന്ന് ഇവിടത്തെ പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സ് എടുത്തു നോക്കിയാൽ ദിവാൻജിയവർകൾക്കും

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മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ഇന്ന് ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റിച്ച് അധികം മെമ്പർമാരും സംസാരിക്കുവാൻ കാരണം, ഈ കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തിൽ ഒട്ടാകെയുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആക്ഷേപമുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണ്. ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അധികൃതവകുപ്പിലേക്ക് അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യമുഴുവനും ശരിയായി വിനിയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നുള്ള സംഗതി പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ പ്രധാന ചുമതലയാണ്. ഇതിനുപുറമെ, ഇത്രത്തോളം ഗൌരവമായ ആക്ഷേപം ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഉള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കുറെകൂടി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുവാനായി ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്ന് ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെ വയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും അന്നാത്ത അധികൃതപ്രതിനിധി ഒരു പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ അതു നിയമസഭ തള്ളിക്കളയുകയാണു ചെയ്തത്. നിയമസഭയിലെ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥസാമാജികന്മാരിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷവും ബലമായ ആക്ഷേപം ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയുമ്പോൾ അതു തീരെ നിസ്സാരമാക്കി തള്ളുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ചുമതല ശരിയായി നടത്തുന്നില്ലെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ധരിക്കാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി മേലാലെങ്കിലും ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ബലമായ ഒരുന്വേഷണം നടത്തി, ഈ സഹായധനം ഏതു വിധത്തിൽ നൽകിയാലാണ് സാധുവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് രക്ഷകിട്ടുന്നതെന്നാലോചിച്ച് ഒരു വഴിയുണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടതു ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ചുമതലയാണ്. ഈ വകുപ്പിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഒരു വലിയ ആക്ഷേപം ജനങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഞാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ധരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:**—Is it not a fact, Sir, as stated in the budget, that the expenditure on education of the depressed classes may be transferred to the Education department?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran:**—That is only with regard to the Schools.

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—It is a complaint often heard in this House. But we have so far not received any concrete case in respect of any of those matters which we heard now in the House. There is a complaint about belated payment of feeding, supply of books, etc. Soon after the re-opening of the schools, the stationery and other books are supplied. Of course, the complaint that is made is that the system of distribution is not proper. I have had opportunity to come across with the question, and to suggest various ways and I have asked the Protector of the Depressed Classes to suggest the best way of distribution and the Government will ask him for further information on this point. With regard to cash payment, it has been sufficiently answered by

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other Members. Distribution in kind is the best way in the case of these poor people. Cash payment can be considered only as out of question in regard to these poor peoples. And, in regard to inspection and supervision about distribution, the inspecting officers generally take care in this matter and none of them so far has made any remark about the belated distribution or supply of books. There is no concrete case brought to the notice of the Government. Government will, of course, make further enquiries and do whatever possible to bring about an improvement in the existing matters.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Suppose I want to divide the House. What is the procedure?

**Mr. President**:—The proper procedure in such cases is to have a token cut.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—This is a token motion that I have tabled.

**Mr. President**:—Here the discussion is restricted to sub-heads that are included in the estimates. If the Hon Member is dissatisfied with the working of the Department, his proper course is to move a token cut in the main budget and proceed to a discussion on it. That would be a proper thing.

**Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar**:—But, when additional grants are asked for, does it mean that we should not move any motion?

**Mr. President**:—Yes, you may.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Even then, it will be an arbitrary motion.

**Mr. President**:—The main idea is that the House discusses the financial aspect leaving the question of policy for discussion in the main budget. He will understand the difference between the two.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—So it comes to this that we will not be able to move anything on question on supplementary grants.

**Mr. President**:—No, not on supplementary grants. If the Hon. Member wants to press that motion, I have no objection.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—I do not want to do so.

*Motion was, considered withdrawn.*

*Grant put and carried.*

## Rs. 400 under 16—Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice—T. A.—by Transfer.

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran**:—I wish to move that a sum of Rs. 400 under 16—Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice—T. A.—by Transfer from '17—Jails—1—Central Jail—Maintenance of Juvenile offenders' be granted.

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## Motion Nos. 4 and 5.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 400 for Law and Justice—T. A. by Re. 1. (To ascertain from the Government the nature and purpose of the journeys undertaken by the Magistrates in connection with the election).*

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim**:— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 400 for Law and Justice by Re. 1. (Certain irregularities in the recent elections to the Legislative Council.)*

**Mr. President**:— The Hon. Members' cut motions are out of order. Is there anything else to ask ?

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim**:— Are these cut motions not admitted by the President?

**Mr. President**:—I am glad that the Hon. Member raised that point. It is only questions and resolutions that are admitted by the President beforehand. With regard to amendments and cut motions which are also in the nature of amendments the office will simply print them in the order in which notices were given. It is only when the amendment is actually reached that the President will decide whether it is in order or not. The present demand is only for travelling allowance and if the Hon. Member thinks that the Travelling allowance is too much, he can speak on that. This is the procedure followed in the House of Commons and in all other Legislatures in India.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim**:— May I know whether the ruling given refers to Parliament some years back ?

**Mr. President**:— No; it is the current practice.

**Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar**:—Under Rule 53 (2) of our Legislative Council Rules, a question of policy could be raised on supplementary grants.

**Mr. President**:— But, I would rather like that the Cochin Legislative Council should be up-to-date with regard to Parliamentary procedure. This practice has been evolved out of very long experience in the House of Commons and adopted by the Legislative Assembly and I am sure that Members of this House will also desire that in matters of procedure we ought to be up-to-date.

*Motions were considered withdrawn.*

*Grant put and carried.*

**Mr. President**:—The House now stands adjourned till 11 A. M. to-morrow.

*The House rose for the day at 5 p. m.*

A. R. MAHADEVA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Council.

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